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READING ACTIVITY CALENDAR



| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Francis Scott Key was born today in 1779. Read the history behind his creation of "The Star-Spangled Banner." | 2 Today is National Ice Cream Sandwich Day. Write a poem about your favorite ice cream flavor. | 3 Write in your journal about the best thing that's happened to you this summer. |
| | 4 It's the first day of National Smile Week. Make a list of all the things that make you smile. | 5 Pretend it's winter and read <i>This Place Is Cold</i> by Vicki Cobb. | 6 Happy Birthday, Alfred, Lord Tennyson! Read a poem by this former British poet laureate. | 7 Ask faraway relatives to write you a letter telling you about their favorite books from childhood. | 8 Have alphabet soup for lunch. Try to spell your name with the letters. | 9 Today is Book Lover's Day. Celebrate by reading with your family this evening. | 10 Yum! It's National S'Mores Day. Make this treat with friends and then tell ghost stories. |
| | 11 Find out if your favorite author has a website. If so, check it out! | 12 Today is Walter Dean Myers' birthday. Read his book <i>Hoops</i> . | 13 Make a list of all the school supplies you need for this school year. | 14 Sit down with a friend and read <i>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together</i> . | 15 The Nineteenth Amendment was signed this month in 1920. Why is this amendment important? | 16 Have you finished all of the books on your summer reading list? | 17 Make up a back-to-school cheer. |
| | 18 Read <i>The Cat Ate My Gumsuit</i> in honor of Paula Danziger's birthday today | 19 Write a list of animals that burrow underground. Visit the library and check out a book about one of these animals. | 20 Make a collage illustrating a scene from a book you've read this summer. | 21 Hawaii became the 50th state on this day in 1959. Read <i>Pig-Boy: A Trickster Tale from Hawai'i</i> by Gerald McDermott. | 22 Find a recipe for lasagna and make this tasty dish with your family. | 23 Visit the library. Ask the librarian to recommend a good back-to-school book. | 24 Cal Ripken, Jr. was born on this day in 1960. Learn more about this famous baseball player. |
| | 25 Learn to say, "Hello, my name is..." in another language. | 26 It's National Dog Day. Do you prefer dogs or cats? Why? Write a story or draw a picture. | 27 Try to do the crossword puzzle from the newspaper with your family. | 28 Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on this day in 1963. Read this important speech. | 29 Look up the word "swelter" and use it in a story. | 30 Today is Virginia Lee Burton's birthday. Read her <i>The Little House</i> . | 31 How many books did you read this summer? Count them. Congratulate yourself on a job well done! |

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